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ON EVE OF KARJOLAINEN'S MEETING WITH GROMYKO ON SOVIET NOTE,
PUBLIC HAS OUTWARDLY ADJUSTED ITSELF AND IS MASKING APPREHENSIONS
UNDER CLOAK OF CALM. DESPITE EARLIER WILD RUMORS, PUBLIC DOES
NOT THINK SOVIETS WILL GO SO FAR AS TO DEMAND BASES. ANY LESS
EXTREME REQUEST COULD BE GREETED BY FINNS ALMOST WITH SIGH
OF RELIEF. IN PRESENT STATE OF MIND, THEY MIGHT BE UNWILLING
ADMIT TO THEMSELVES THAT GRANTING LESSER CONCESSIONS WAS
SIGNIFICANT STEP IN SOVIET EFFORT TO CONTROL THEIR COUNTRY.
PUBLIC CONVINCED THAT FINLAND FACES SITUATION ALONE, AND
BELIEVES THAT IT CAN LOOK TO NO ONE FOR TANGIBLE SUPPORT.

IN ECONOMIC FIELD, THERE SOME EVIDENCE SCARE BUYING, AND
CONSUMER PURCHASES FAVOR FOOD AND CLOTHING INSTEAD OF LESS
ESSENTIAL GOODS. CONCERN THAT FOREIGN COUNTRIES WILL TIGHTEN
CREDIT TERMS ENHANCED BY REPORTS SOME INTERNAL SUPPLIERS
DEMANDING IMMEDIATE PAYMENT. THERE GENERAL BELIEF THAT FINNISH
ASSOCIATION WITH EEC NOW PRECLUDED.

INTEREST REVIVED IN BUILDING FINNISH DEFENSE CAPABILITIES ON
... GROUNDS COUNTRY THEN COULD ASSURE USSR OF ABILITY MEET 1948
TREATY OBLIGATIONS TO DEFEND ITSELF AND OBTAIN NEED FOR SOVIET
"ASSISTANCE". PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY MILITARY LEADERS.

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MODIFICATION PERMITTING FINLAND A MODERN AIR DEFENSE.

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